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The Republican (Catholic Church) Captivity



By
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Last November at their post-election meeting, a vocal minority of bishops lamented the election results, aghast that not only a majority of Americans, but more tellingly a majority of Catholics, had voted to make Barack Obama President of the United States. So extreme were the comments of these few bishops that some could easily have confused them with Republican wardheelers, and be prone to the fear that a new "Republican

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Court Dismisses Ottinger Defamation Claims

White Plains, NY -- home construction project On August 27 2009, in Mamaroneck, New Westchester County York. While ruling that the Ottingers' complaint was a SLAPP suit, the court nevertheless denied damages to the victim of the SLAPP. "SLAPP" suits - "strategic lawsuits against public participation" - are lawsuits brought against defendants about their controversial



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The Hezitorial



By Hezi Aris

"No Plan Plan" Mayor Phil Blamicone, a/k/a/ Amicone has proven over the last 14 years as both Deputy Mayor and now as Mayor of the City of Yonkers that he did not possess a midas touch. The economic development "plans" were simply a distraction from his inability to execute

Plotting, Not Planning

those said "plans." One has to wonder if there really were any plans or if they were simply a vision for some fairy tale; something only to mesmerize the public. The unfolding years have proven his ineptitude to "engineer" a fiscally prudent plan for Yonkers, his inability to develop and nurture relationships among business people, and residents alike. Everyone

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Adventures in Paradise



By Tom Bock

"Fully Altered Media is dedicated to securing placements for creative musicians and arts organizations in print, online, syndicated radio, and television. We monitor the latest in new media with regard to music marketing, digital and traditional distribution, and grassroots efforts to engage

fans. We also maintain strong relationships with management, booking, marketing and radio promotion professionals with an ear towards jazz and world music." At least that's what their mission statement reads.

Okay, I'll admit it. Fully Altered Media seems to over-promise with their mantra for creative musicians, etc. Most musicians are into music, writing and performing, because they are creative. But, contrary to a lot of the music that crosses my desk,

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Command. In August of this year, Liberia requested a National Guard state partner and Kenya is expected to follow with a partner state in 2010.

Partnerships are created through discussions among countries, ministers of defense, the U.S. ambassador, regional combatant commanders, adjutants general, governors and the chief of the National Guard Bureau, which administers the SPP.

The goal of the trip for the New York Soldiers and Airman is to "increase understanding of our South African partners' challenges in operationalizing their reserve force," Chaisson said, "as well as increased opportunities to share experiences for future cooperative events."

the first offering I received from Fully Altered Media, may have just broken the proverbial mold!

This debut CD from The Waitiki 7, *Adventures in Paradise*, raises the bar extremely high for both the group and their representatives. It's billed as a reinvention of classic exotica for modern ears. It's funny, when I first popped the CD into my computer and cranked up the Altec Lansing speakers, life emanated from somewhere in Hawaii and suddenly I was reminiscing the slow-dances and romance scenes I had observed as an impressionable youngster watching the classic TV show, Hawaii Five-0, where the bad guy was "wooing" the gullible female victim-to-be on the dance floor or beach. But this wasn't going to end with, "Book

'em Danno, murder one!"

After grooving to the CD several times, I gave *Adventures in Paradise* to my son for a listen. He's quite the accomplished percussionist in our family, carrying the torch from my renowned percussionist dad, his grandfather and music teacher, John. My son informed me it was a really good CD! At seventeen, and a heavy metal drummer, this wasn't the feedback I anticipated him to furnish. He's currently studying vibraphones with my dad and enjoyed that this CD is chocked full of "vibes" and other percussive instruments. This CD abounds with a variety of flavor!

My wife, who is not as inclined to listening to music as much as I, heard this CD after my son previewed it. I had

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to purchase another copy to give to my dad to hear, which he liked, as my wife had commandeered my original. It seems she plays it every time she is in either in the car or at home doing almost anything. There have been only two other CD's that have had this affect on her, the first being from her gospel singer friend Candy's, spiritual CD, and the other is the soundtrack to one of our favorite Broadway show's, Blast!.

Can you tell that everyone in my family enjoyed this CD, as did I? Each time I listen to this CD, I pick up new sounds or phrases in the performance that I may not have noticed before. This CD just gets better each time I hear it, wearing in like the aging new pair of jeans slowly edging the older champion farther back into the closet. To the music aficionado who likes percussion with a melody, this is the CD for you. To the romantic trying to set the mood, this needs to be on your must-have list. And to any music lover looking to relax after a hard days grind, you'll need go no farther than *Adventures in Paradise*. It's also a

superior listen if you just crave very fine music.

There are a number of fine musicians performing on this CD. They include Randy Wong, co-founder and bassist; Abe Lagrimas, Jr., drummer; Zaccai Curtis, pianist; Tim Mayer, woodwinds; Helen Liu, violinist; Jim Benoit, vibist; Lopaka Colon, percussionist and bird caller. Yes, bird caller. They provide not only an interesting mix of sound and talent, but perform this genre with a smooth, sensual ease that doesn't hit you with an "in your face" sound. And yet, as their sometimes-haunting melodies progress, in the end, they'll be right there, "in your face" and you'll love it! Pick up a copy (or two) and revisit some classic exotica.

Adventures in Paradise is available through all the usual outlets and is a product of Pass Out Records. Visit The Waitiki 7 at (waitiki7.com).

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